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SPANISH THEATRE DISASTER.

HUNDREDS KILLED IN FIRE PANIC.

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APPALLING SCENES.

Madrid, Sept. 23.
The Novadades Theatre, an ancient structure in the heart of the most populous quarter of the city, was the scene this evening of a destructive fire, which broke out during a performance and was accompanied by an appalling disaster due to the panic of the audience.
The blaze broke out on the stage, and spread with alarming rapidity, the flames soon enveloping the packed auditorium and continuing with such fury that surrounding buildings were quickly involved.
The audience was panic-stricken as the first warning was given, and dashed towards the exits, which were choked by the seething mass. Dozens of persons were killed, trampled under in the terrible confusion.
Completely gutted.
The theatre, together with the whole block of surrounding property, was completely gutted.
First reports of the disaster stated that although there were numerous casualties, it was impossible to estimate the number, but a later message expresses a fear that several hundred perished in the fire as the result of the panic, while it is added that over two hundred who escaped from the burning building, are being treated at ambulance stations.
Composed of six tiers capable of accommodating three thousand people, the Novadades Theatre, which has been totally destroyed, was the largest in Madrid.
It was packed with a typical Sunday audience, including a large number of children, who had assembled to witness one of the most popular plays of the season.
Last Act Catastrophe.
The curtain was rising on the last act, when a large burst of flame appeared on the stage, which involved with appalling rapidity. The blaze continued to spread with the same rapidity over the whole building.
The orchestra pluckily continued to play for some minutes, but the strains were inaudible above the shrieks of the audience as they made a stampede for the doors.
Those in the upper tiers were in a terrible plight from the start. The mob scrambling to escape hopelessly blocked all the staircases on which numerous persons were trampled to death.
No Chance of Escape.
Hundreds in these upper circles did not stand the remotest chance of escape from the blazing building, while the efforts of the Fire Brigade to provide facilities, were hampered by an influx of horrified sightseers, who congested the narrow streets.
Police reinforcements and a regiment of infantry were hurriedly rushed to the scene in order to clear the neighbourhood and to help in the work of rescue.
In the meantime, the flames had spread and had ignited more old buildings on either side of the theatre, the whole burning like tinder.
Firemen Impotent.
The firemen were impotent to control the conflagration and concentrated their efforts on the recovery of bodies.
Eleven were found lying in a heap burnt to death just inside the corridor, but shortly afterwards the building collapsed burying hundreds in the ruins.
General Primo De Rivera, the Dictator, and other Ministers, were early at the spot, directing operations.
A pathetic spectacle was that of hundreds of children awaiting outside the ambulance stations for news of their parents.
Hundreds in Ruins.
Up to the present time only twenty bodies have been recovered, while eighty of the injured persons are reported to be in a serious condition.
The number of the victims buried in the ruins cannot be ascertained.—*Reuter.*

DOCK STRIKERS IN NASTY MOOD.

AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS ATTACKED.

WOOL TRADE DAMAGE.

Melbourne, Sept. 23.
In spite of salutary sentences on strikers arrested for interfering with volunteer works, several nasty incidents have occurred at the docks.
Several volunteers have been struck with stones and treated in hospital following attacks by members of the Waterside Workers' Union, while several of the attackers have been hurt in collisions with the police.
The Transport Workers' Bill, which provides for the registration of wharf labourers, and is the outcome of the strike, becomes law to-day.
Four more strikers have been arrested for assaulting volunteer labourers.
It is stated that sufficient free labour will be available in Melbourne on Monday to enable the working of the cargo of all overseas vessels.
Wool sales have been postponed for a week in consequence of the strike, and it is estimated that this means the detention of wool worth over £750,000.
It is believed that the strike will collapse within the next two or three days.—*Reuter.*

HITCH IN GERMAN TREATY.

COUNCIL DECLINE SANCTION FOR SIGNATURE.

DR. WANG CRITICISED.

Shanghai, Sept. 23.
Considerable surprise has been created by an announcement to the effect that the Nationalist Government Council has refused to give the necessary sanction for the signature of the new Commercial Treaty drawn up between Dr. C. T. Wang and the German Minister.
The Council's action, it is stated, is due to the fact that Dr. C. T. Wang has gone outside the instructions of the Government.
The matter has been postponed, however, for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.
Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's representative in Nanking has telegraphed the information to his chief, and the refusal is expected to have startling developments.
Marshal Yen Hsi-shan has also been apprised of the news.

SIMON COMMISSION'S TASK.

ABSENT FROM ENGLAND FOR SEVEN MONTHS.

London, Sept. 23.
Sir John Simon and his colleagues on the Statutory Commission on Indian Reform will leave London on Thursday for their second tour in India.
The first, which took place in February and March, was a preliminary exploration of the ground, and no formal sittings were held for record of evidence.
For the purposes of this final tour, the Commissioners will be absent from England for about seven months, and when they return at the end of April all the material for the formulation of their conclusions will have been collected.—*British Wireless.*

TEAM TENNIS IN U.S.A.

AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA EACH SCORE WIN.

Chicago, Sept. 23.
The inter-sectional team tennis championship opened at Chicago to-day, Honnecy (U.S.A.) defeating Hopman (Australia) by 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, while Crawford (Australia) defeated G. Loh, Jr. by 8-6, 6-4, 6-3.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GENERAL ELECTION BEGINS.

Canberra, Sept. 23.
The Parliament Session has ended and the election campaign opens immediately.—*Reuter.*

DARING ATLANTIC FLIGHT PLAN.

LIGHT AEROPLANE TO MAKE ATTEMPT.

BRITISH AIRMAN TO FLY IN GIPSY MOTH.

SOLO FROM ST. JOHN'S.

London, Sept. 23.
One of the most daring flying exploits ever contemplated, a flight across the Atlantic in a light aeroplane, is to be undertaken within the next few weeks by a well-known British airman, Lieut. Comdr. MacDonald.
The machine chosen for the spectacular attempt is the new De Havilland Gipsy Moth, and the plane with which it is to be made has already been shipped to St. John's, Newfoundland.
Newfoundland will naturally be the starting point, though the definite date of the flight has yet to be fixed.
Lieut. Comdr. MacDonald is now on his way to Newfoundland to study the weather conditions before attempting to fly to Ireland.
It is notable that the Gipsy Moth weighs only 820 lbs. and measures but 20 feet across the wings.—*British Wireless.*

New Machine.

Correctly described, the machine is a "G" Type Moth equipped with the new Gipsy engine, which is absolutely a new design and which made its first public appearance in the King's Cup air race, scoring first, fourth and sixth places.
The winner's speed over 1,100 miles worked out at 115 miles per hour, which means that it must have been actually more than this, since as Mr. Vaughan-Fowler recently pointed out, it is impossible to fly that distance on a number of different courses and keep exactly to the mapped distance.

The Gypsy Engine.

Major F. B. Halford, F. R. A. E., the designer of the Cirrus X, I and II Aero engines, with Capt. De Havilland, designed the "Gipsy" engine, particulars of which are:
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To improve the manoeuvrability on the ground a new type steerable tail-skid has been fitted, making it possible to taxi the machine with the greatest of ease over sloping ground and in strong side wind.

BIG ARMS SEIZURE IN SHANGHAI.

CONSIGNMENT ON GERMAN SHIP FOR HUNAN.

Shanghai, Sept. 23.
A large consignment of arms and ammunition, stated to consist of 10,000 rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of appropriate ammunition, intended for General Liu Hsiang, of Hunan and Hupeh, has been detained by the Chinese authorities.
The consignment arrived in Shanghai on Saturday morning on a German ship, and it is unofficially stated that the war material comes from Germany.
The Shanghai authorities have wired to Nanking for instructions.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

BOYCOTT INCIDENT AT SWATOW.

CHINESE DRAGGED THROUGH THE STREETS.

A JAPANESE PARCEL.

Swatow, Sept. 21.
The anti-Japanese boycott continues here, and yesterday it resulted in a somewhat exciting incident, when a Chinese assistant of a Japanese firm suffered an unpleasant experience.
It appears that one of the boycott pickets held up this assistant at the Post Office, on the ground that he was receiving a parcel of Japanese goods.
A wordy battle ensued between the assistant and the picket. The former asked the picket if he had eyes in his head, and the latter retorted by accusing the assistant of being a "running dog".
Later, the Japanese owner came up and recovered the parcel, but this did not end the incident.
The enraged boycott headquarters, where he was bound and his office placarded on his head, after which the boycott officials dragged him publicly through the streets.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

THE PRAYA TRAGEDY SEQUEL.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

The tragedy enacted last week on the waterfront, where a woman died during a fight with a second woman, had a sequel in the appearance of her alleged assailant before Major C. Willson this morning at the Central Police Court.

An autopsy held on the body to determine the cause of death, has resulted in a charge of manslaughter against the accused, who like the deceased, is described in the charge, as a seamstress.
Detective Sub-Inspector Andrew applied to the Court for the accused to be formally remanded for a week. This was granted by the Court.
The proceedings in Court were viewed by a large crowd of spectators comprised of boatmen, waterfront scavengers and others, amongst whom the case appears to have excited the greatest interest.

SENATOR CURTIS IN INDIAN TRIBE.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD QUARREL.

New York, Sept. 23.
An unusual ceremony took place at Billington Montana, to-day, when Plenty Coos, the venerable chief of the Crow nation, with Indian rites, formally adopted Senator Curtis, the Republican nominee for the Vice-Presidency into the Crow tribe.
Plenty Coos told his braves "anything we can do for my boy from the Kaw country we must do."
Senator Curtis is a great grandson of White Plume, the Chief of the Kaws, and he recalled that when he was eight, the Kaws were attacked by the Crows.
"You scared the life out of me then," he said, "but I am glad to shake hands with you now."—*Reuter's American Service.*

WORLD FUEL CONGRESS.

BIG GATHERING OPENS TO-DAY.

London, Sept. 23.
Forty-seven countries, embracing every part of the world where fuel is a factor of importance, will be represented at the World Fuel Conference which opens to-morrow in London. Each delegate represents the authoritative body in the country which he represents.
The President of the Conference is the Marquis of Reading, and its work, which will be highly technical, will be conducted in sections of which eminent English scientists and industrialists will be the chairmen.—*British Wireless.*

ENGLISH LADY IS CAPTURED.

TAKEN BY BANDITS TO MOUNTAINS.

FATE OF MISS TOBIN OF THE C.M.S. MISSION.

KWANGSI INCIDENT.

Further details are to hand from our Wuchow correspondent regarding the capture by bandits of Miss Tobin, of the Church Missionary Society, a brief report of which was received over the week-end by Reuter's Agency.
It appears that at the time of the capture, Miss Tobin and Miss Watkins, both of the C.M.S., were travelling in company with the Rev. C. J. Lowe and family, of the American Baptist Mission, en route to Kwelin, when they encountered a gang of bandits.
Full details of the actual capture have not so far been received, but it appears that Miss Tobin and Miss Watkins were taken prisoner by the bandits, the latter being subsequently released. Miss Tobin was, however, carried off to the mountains by the bandits, in whose hands she still remains.
First News.

News of the occurrence was first received in a telegram sent from Chaoping by Miss Watkins to the Church Missionary Society at Wuchow, which briefly stated that Miss Tobin was taken to the bandits' fastness, whilst the sender of the telegram had been released.
We understand that the matter has been taken up by the C.M.S. at Wuchow with the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs there, and that the British Consul at Canton has been telegraphically informed of the incident.
Gang Escapes Soldiers.

According to our correspondent, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs considers the incident to be the result of recent efforts of the Government soldiers on the borders of Kwangtung and Kwangsi to exterminate and scatter the bands of robbers operating there.
The band to which Miss Tobin fell a victim is thought to be one of the gangs that escaped from the operations on the border in the vicinity of Chaoping.

The incident, unfortunate and unhappy as it is, can be regarded, says our correspondent, as a local circumstance and not indicative of the general conditions of Kwangsi province. It is some years since missionaries have experienced any trouble in the province, and the Government of Kwangsi is said to be doing its utmost to preserve peace and order, with a very large measure of success apparent everywhere.
Then and Now.

Political conditions, says our correspondent, are much more satisfactory to-day compared with four years ago, when some of the C.M.S. missionaries were captured in the same district. At that time, the brigades, several hundreds in number, had complete control of the country on both sides of the Fu River, between the cities of Chaoping and Pingloah. Moreover, there was then no United Government, but several military leaders in different parts of the province were striving one with the other for mastery. Thus there was practically no local authority to whom foreigners could appeal either for protection from attack or for release when captured.
Everything that can be done is being undertaken for the release of Miss Tobin, and her colleagues are hopeful that the period of her captivity will not be a long one.

ITALY AND GREECE IN CONCORD.

MUSSOLINI AND VENIZELLOS SIGN NEW PACT.

Aome, Sept. 23.
Signor Mussolini and M. Venizelos, on behalf of their respective Governments, have signed a pact of friendship and conciliation.—*Reuter.*

AN OIL CONCESSION DISPUTE.

DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION RESENTED.

COLUMBIA AND U.S.A.

Washington, Sept. 23.
Friction seems likely to arise between the United States and Columbia in regard to an oil concession granted to an American company, and subsequently revoked by the Columbian Government.
The State Department has addressed a Note to Columbia expressing surprise that the latter has failed to answer the question regarding the controversy following the cancellation by the Columbian authorities of the Barco Concession, which was a five-million acre exploitation grant to an American Company.
It appears that the Columbian Government objects to the State Department's intervention by the United States.
The Foreign Minister declared that by international law, diplomatic intervention could only be admitted by a sovereign State in the case of a "denial of justice." He declared that the present dispute was entirely between the Government and a private corporation which had been organised solely for the use of the resources of country under Columbian laws.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DARING YAUMATI ROBBERY.

HOLE KNOCKED THROUGH A WALL.

ONE MAN ARRESTED.

Some very creditable work was performed by a pawn broker of Shanghai Street following reports of a daring burglary occurring early on Saturday morning when three men broke into No. 619, Shanghai Street and stole several rolls of cloth.
From a statement made by Sub-Inspector Dick, in prosecuting a Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, it appears that three men, including defendant, climbed over the rear wall of No. 617, Shanghai Street and by removing the bricks made a hole in the wall separating No. 617 from No. 619. Rolls of cloth were removed through the hole.

A description of the stolen goods was circulated to all pawnshops and yesterday the account of a pawnshop in Shanghai Street was visited by defendant. The cloth was recognised and the Police summoned, defendant being arrested.
Sub-Inspector Dick said the burglary was very daring and had evidently been well planned beforehand.
His Worship sentenced defendant to four months' hard labour and ordered \$11 which were found on his person to be given to the complainant to redeem some of the cloth which had been pawned at other shops prior to his arrest.

PREMIER RETURNS TO ENGLAND.

LORD CUSHENDUN'S WORK AT GENEVA OVER.

London, Sept. 23.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin returned to London to-day from their holiday in France, accompanied by Lord Cushendun, the acting Foreign Minister, who has returned from Geneva.—*Reuter.*

London, Sept. 23.
Lord Cushendun, the head of the British delegation at Geneva, has hastened back to London from the Assembly meetings to enable him to make a report to the Cabinet meeting, at which Mr. Baldwin will preside to-morrow.

It will be the first Cabinet meeting after the holiday season. Later in the week, most of the Ministers will be at Yarmouth, where the Conservative Conference will be held and where the Prime Minister will speak.—*British Wireless.*

CARVALHO YEO IN COURT.

ANSWERS SIX CHARGES THIS MORNING.

ALLEGED TREASURY FRAUD BY FORGED CHEQUES.

ACCUSED REMANDED.

Following his extradition from Shanghai, and, in the later stages of the case, from Canton, Carvalho Yeo, the man wanted by the Hongkong authorities in connexion with the big \$260,000 fraud on the Colonial Treasury at the beginning of the year, made an appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning, when definite charges in relation to the fraud were preferred against him.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, who, with Acting Chief Detective Inspector Lane had been to Shanghai for the case, and had come down with the accused when he was extradited from that port, is conducting the case for the Crown, appearing to-day as Assistant Crown Solicitor, ached to the Treasury. With him there also appeared in Court this morning, the Acting Chief Detective Inspector and the Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, Mr. T. Murphy.

Prefers English.

A tall lean man, dressed in a Chinese suit of dark blue silk, and with his head closely cropped, Carvalho Yeo, or Young Tsul-tsim as he also appeared on the Court charge-sheet, responded to the latter name as it was called out by the Court Interpreter.

In reply to a query as to his place of origin, the accused stated that he was a native of Amoy. He spoke first in the puni or Cantonese dialect, but later broke out into English as the charges were cited, one by one.

His Worship:—Do you prefer to speak in English or Chinese?

Accused:—I prefer anything, even English.

His Worship:—But which would you prefer, English or Chinese?

Accused:—English.

The Charges.

Thereafter, his Worship took up himself the reading out of the charges, which the accused appeared to understand, as he expressed himself to that effect.
The charges, of which it is stated by Mr. Hazlerigg that there are only six for the time being, read as follows:

(a.) That the accused, did, on or about January 3, 1928, with intent to defraud, forge a cheque bearing the date of December 30, 1927, purporting to be drawn upon the general account of the Hongkong Government, with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in favour of Katz and Co., for the sum of \$86,965.35.

(b.) That the accused, did, on or about January 4, 1928, with intent to defraud, forge a cheque bearing the date of December 30, 1927, purporting to be drawn upon the general account of the Hongkong Government, with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in favour of the Min Tak Co., for the sum of \$78,800.41.

(c.) That the accused, did, on or about January 5, 1928, with intent to defraud, forge a cheque bearing the date of December 30, 1927, purporting to be drawn upon the general account of the Hongkong Government, with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in favour of the Man Lee Co., for the sum of \$92,142.10.
The other three charges were alternative ones of uttering the three cheques and obtaining the monies, totalling \$267,907.95.

Formal Remand.

Accused was not asked to return any plea to the charges, and he was formally remanded for a week. He was taken out of the dock and returned to the Gaol with an escort.

His Worship referring to a new warrant which had been taken out against the accused, asked Mr. Hazlerigg if that was not some charge of defrauding the Treasury of water-rates.
Mr. Hazlerigg said these new charges had not yet been framed, but he hoped to be able to do so before the next appearance of the accused before the Court after a week's formal remand.

AW, THAT COP!!

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"THE TWELFTH": A GROUSE MOOR IN YORKSHIRE.



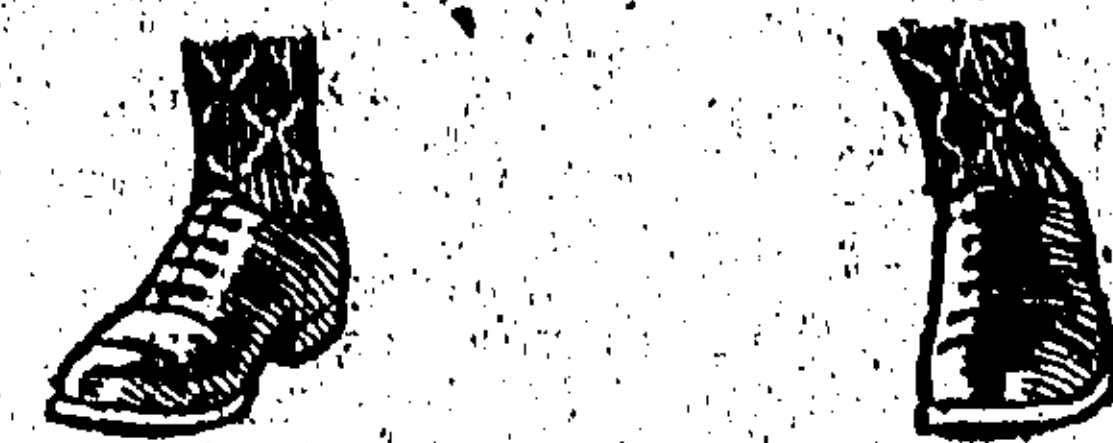
A characteristic view of a moor in the North Riding of Yorkshire, taken by a staff photographer of *The Times*. It shows a gamekeeper passing along a line of butts on one of his last rounds before the opening of the grouse-shooting season.



Loy Young, the perpetrator of the ghastly California crime, who as recently cabled by Router murdered 10 of his countrymen. Sheriff Jack Thornton (centre) captured him near Grass Valley. Young blamed his outbreak to narcotics. He has attempted suicide in jail.



Here are four of the participants in a tragic outbreak by a Chinese opium addict at Fairfield, California, which caused the death of ten persons. Photo No. 1 shows the wife of Wong Gee and her baby, both of whom were killed when Loy Young opened his frenzied attack. Wong Gee and two other members of his family were killed. Photo No. 2 shows Ruth and Helen Wong, who escaped while the rest of their family were being slain.



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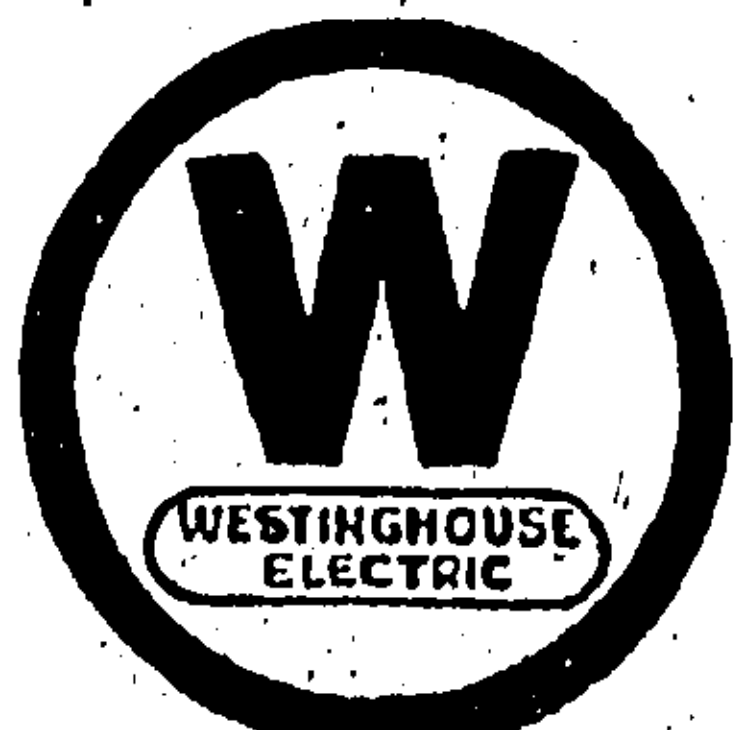
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th September to the 12th October, 1928, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. MANUK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1928.

NOTICE.

Dr. ASGER, DENTAL SURGEON, has removed his office to Knyamally Building, 20-22 Queen's Road Central.

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NOTICE.

With reference to the circular letter dated 23rd April, 1928, whereby an offer was made to the shareholders of the Company of one additional share for every five shares held by them on that date, the Directors of the Company have resolved that the latest date for acceptance of the offer of the said additional shares will be 1st October, 1928, after which date any shares for which applications are not received on or before 1st October, 1928, will be disposed of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1928.

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Hongkong, 18th Sept., 1928.

NOTICE.

At the request of Me. Mathieu, Public Notary at Saigon, the undersigned, Acting-Chancellor of the French Consulate in Hongkong, informs those whom it may concern that the sale of s.s. "Hwah Cheng" has been agreed upon between the owners, the South China Steamship Company of Shanghai, and the buyers, the Firm of Yee Cheong & Co., of Saigon.

Should any person have any claim or liens of such a nature as to prevent or obstruct the sale or postpone the payment of the purchase money, they are requested to make or produce the same within fourteen days from the date of this notice, at the office of the French Consulate in Hongkong, Alexandra Building, Top Floor, Room No. 23.

After the above mentioned period of fourteen days the sale will be completed and no claims or liens against the s.s. "Hwah Cheng" will be effective or entertained thereafter.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1928.

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Saigon	Sphinx	September 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II	September 25.
Amoy and Swatow	Van Heuts	September 26.
Japan	St. Albans	September 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Kashgar	September 28.
Europe via Soes, letters and papers		
30th August and parcel mail,		
London 23rd August	Khiva	September 28.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres Cleveland	September 28.
Australa and Manila,	Changto	October 9.
OUTWARD MAILS.		
For	Per	Date and Time.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C.&S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres Grant	Mon., Sept. 24.
Swatow	Parcels	3 p.m.
Shanghai	Registration	4.15 p.m.
Amoy	Letters	5 p.m.
Swatow	(Due San Francisco 17th October)	
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Mon., Sept. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Pres. Grant	Letters only 6 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tacoma Maru	Tues., Sept. 25, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Sphinx	Tues., Sept. 25, 12.30 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Athos II	Tues., Sept. 25, 12.30 p.m.
	Kowloon P.O.	
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 26th Oct.)	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., Sept. 25, 2 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Hutchow	Tues., Sept. 25, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Tues., Sept. 25, 8.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sinkiang	Tues., Sept. 25, 4.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	Sept. 25, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Chungking Wed.	Sept. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy and Japan	Kutsang	Wed., Sept. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tjitaroen	Wed., Sept. 26, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Huopeh	Wed., Sept. 26, 4.30 p.m.
Port Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Team	Thurs., Sept. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Thurs., Sept. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Heuts	Thurs., Sept. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs., Sept. 27, 1.30 p.m.
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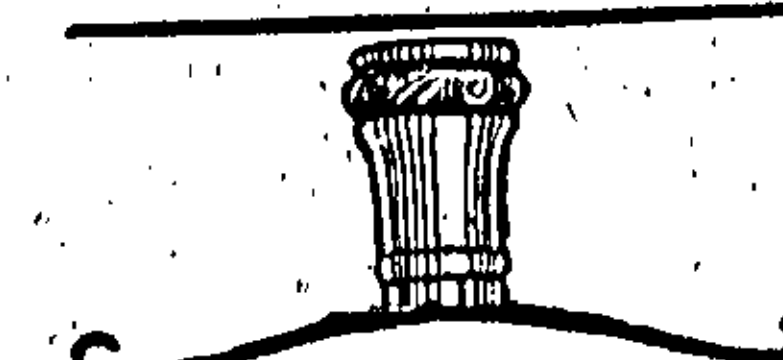
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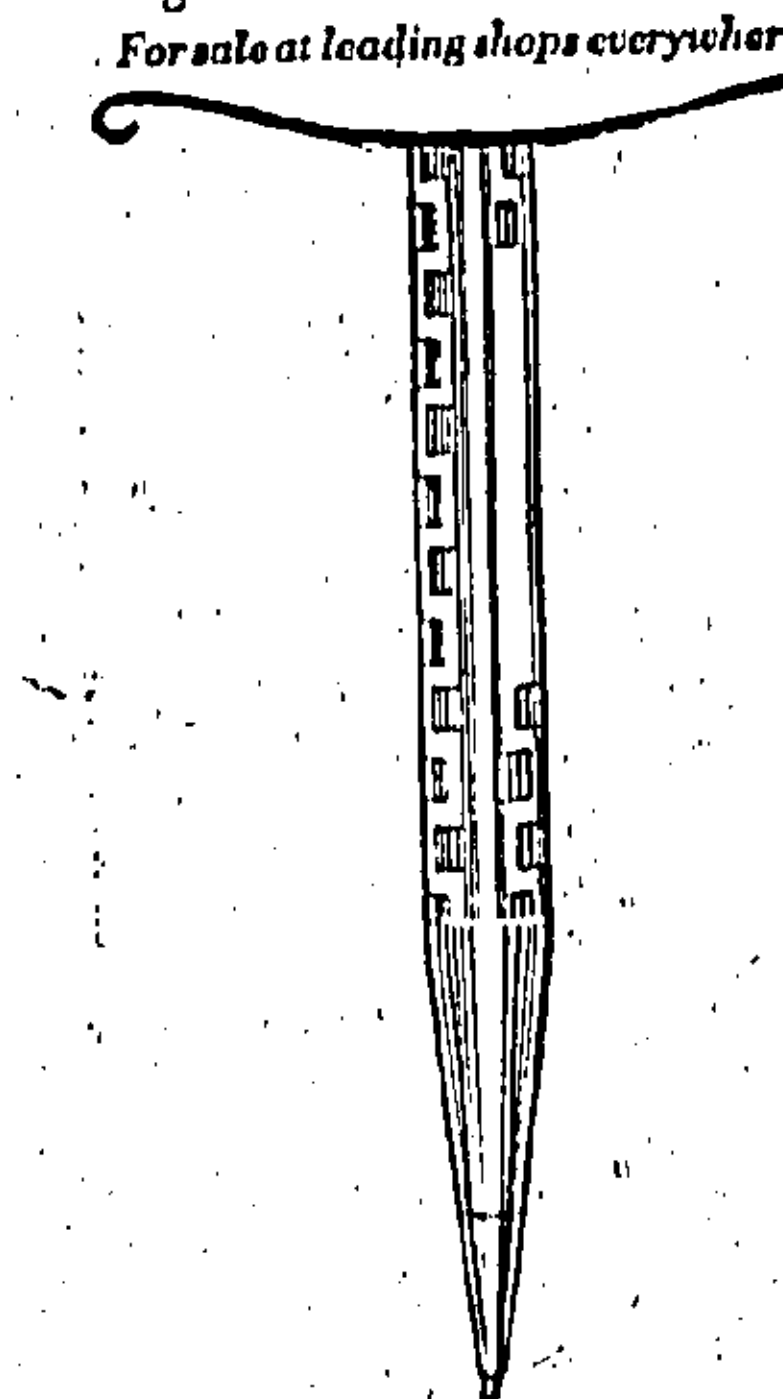
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"LOVES OF CARMEN."

COMING TO THE QUEEN'S ON WEDNESDAY.

Victor McLaglen and Dolores Del Rio, who played the parts of Captain Flagg and Charmaine respectively in "What Price Glory" are together again as the leading players in an outstanding production, "Loves of Carmen," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre from Wednesday to Saturday, according to a special advertisement in this issue. Old Seville in Spain is the setting for this highly colourful narrative of the loves of a woman with the heart of a child, the body of a wanton and the soul of a woman, who plays with the hearts of men until she meets a tormentor who finally conquers her flaming spirit. From this point until the great climax when she is shot by a jealous lover, the picture is a series of thrilling incidents. Huge settings specially constructed for the production, greatly enhance the dramatic and spectacular impact of the world famous story. Raoul Walsh, who directed "What Price Glory," also produced "Loves of Carmen," which, in addition to the stars and thousands of "extras," has a strong supporting cast including Don Alvarado, Jack Sebastian and Nancy Nash.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS.

"THE GAUCHO" COMING TO THE WORLD.

Douglas Fairbank will be, with us again soon, this time as a bandit chief at the head of an army of liberators in South America. The title of the film is "The Gaucho." Doug is seen as the terror of the Andes, riding the country at the head of his army, taking and looting town after town until he comes to the Miracle City, when his regeneration is effected through the beautiful lady of the shrine. "The Gaucho," which is full of thrilling incidents, including a spectacular ride over dangerous mountain passes by a band of 200 horsemen filmed in beautiful settings, will be screened at the World Theatre from Wednesday to Saturday, and attention is drawn to the special times for performances, announced in an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

DEATH OF SARWAT PASHA.

EX-PREMIER OF EGYPT WHO WAS REPUDIATED.

Paris, Sept. 22.

Sarwat Pasha, the ex-Premier of Egypt, is dead.—*Reuter*.

[Sarwat Pasha succeeded the late Zaghlul Pasha as Premier of Egypt but had a short tenure of office. He arranged a *modus vivendi* with the Imperial Government, but was repudiated.]

KWANGSI BANDITS.

ENGLISH MISSIONARY CAPTURED.

Peking, Sept. 22.

It is officially announced that an Englishwoman, Miss Tobin, a worker of the Church Missionary Society, has been captured by bandits in a mountainous area near Chingping en route from Canton to Kweilin.

Miss Tobin's companion, Miss Watkins, was not detained.

The Chinese and British authorities are taking steps to secure her release.—*Reuter*.

Tirana, Sept. 23.

Britain has recognised the new king of Albania.—*Reuter*.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.



Husbands are Dull.

[By One of Them.]

Less than ten years ago the most brilliant woman of her year went down from Oxford, married a handsome man, a soldier and a scholar in one. The other day she wrote to a friend of the Oxford days: "I'm conscious of advancing age; I want to make merry. Husbands are dull, even picturesque ones like yours and mine." I am the other.

It is a terrible thought; and no less terrible than true. Husbands are dull. Look around and everywhere you will see on almost every married face obvious signs of dullness. Observe husband and wife at a dance. Does her eye sparkle with pleasurable anticipation if and when her husband requests the pleasure? It does not.

So on every social and even festival occasion, on railway journeys and in motor-cars, you will notice the unlighted countenance of the husband in the immediate presence of his wife. The wife is correspondingly dull, of course, but let us stick now to the husband. You can see that it requires no effort for him to avoid the bad form of allowing adoration to appear too obtrusively.

It is small wonder that wives' eyes sometimes sparkle at a compliment from another man.

The rest-cure is a dangerous and uncertain remedy. Mr. Edgar Jepson, in answer to a question which appeared in *The Daily Mail* as to how a husband could hold his wife, once said: "Remain her lover." But it will not do. Nor

Memories.

The colour of some foreign market place, The old stones steeped in history, The strong, fresh wind across a fragrant moor, A dark lake set in mystery.

The fine salt savour of the restless sea, And snowy heights in groups like friends, The widening of the quiet evening sky—Fragments these are that memory blends.

And unforgetten, too, and still more dear Are laughing eyes and loving hands, A comrade spirit, generous, answering heart, A mind that, even in silence, understands.

Thelma Coombs.

Seen in the Shops.

The Ubiquitous Umbrella.

New handbags of pochette shape, but rather larger than we have been carrying, are fitted with a dumpy umbrella under the flap of the bag, and the pocket is capacious enough to accommodate a thin mackintosh.

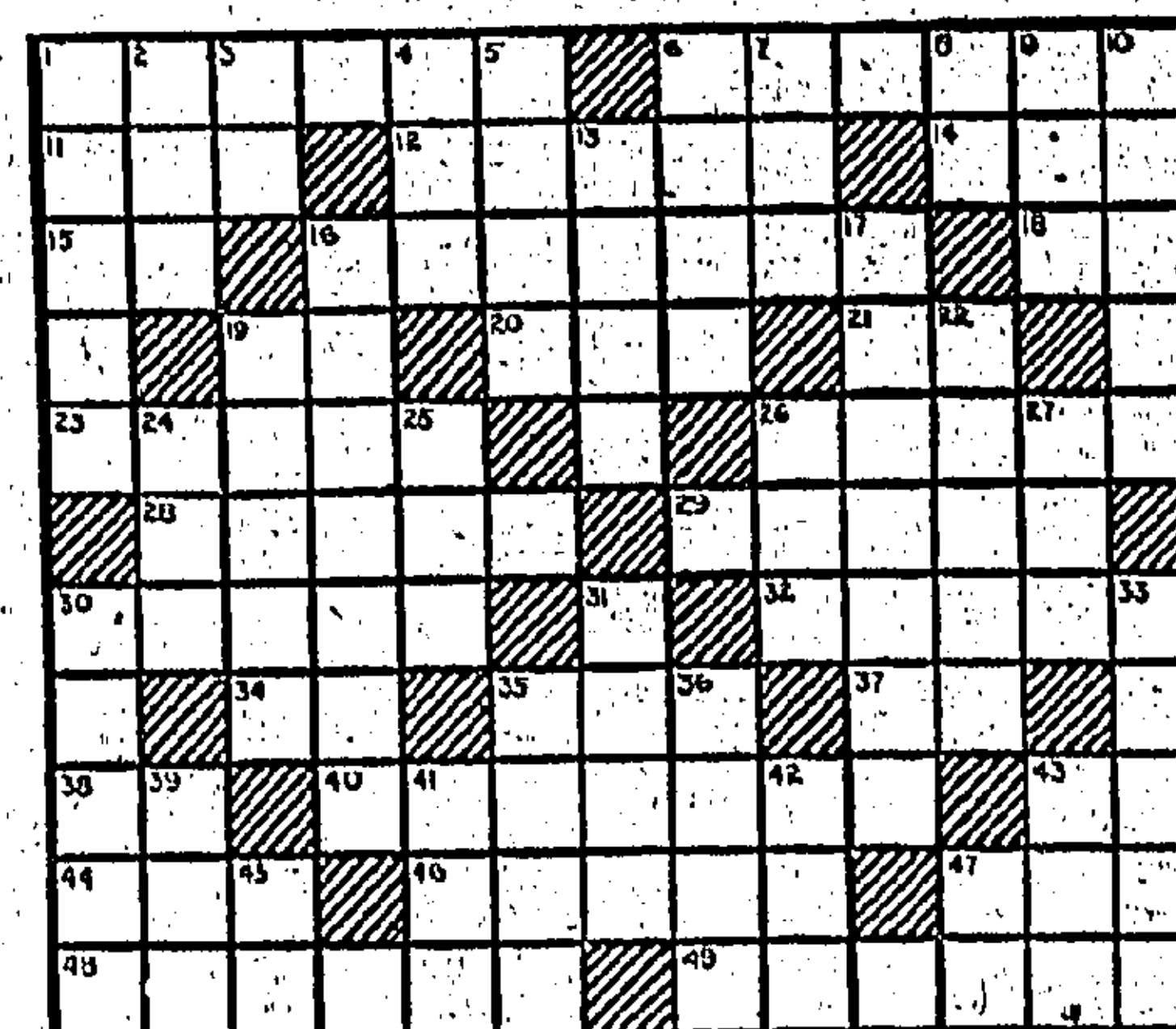
Now that umbrellas must match frocks, it means that we must possess several. A delightful present would be three of these short umbrellas in different coloured silk, with a handle that screws on whichever one is desired. These umbrella sets are sold in satin lined flat boxes or in soft leather cases.

The New Lamps. Rectangular shaped lamps and lampshades are having a vogue at the moment. A large, oblong-shaped lamp made in patterned opaque glass had an oblong-shaped shade looking exactly as if it were made in the same glass, whereas it was some composition of similar appearance.

The same idea was carried out in a large globular lamp of pink-patterned glass, with a round, flat shade sloping to a point to the centre. Other lamps are made with square bases, with square shades to match, while a smaller one in crackle china was diamond shaped, with a shade to match.

Or let us continue in our natural dullness. Wives should be aware of a sense of ease, confidence, and security in a good and faithful husband; however dull.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

- 1 Pertaining to the mind.
- 2 Silk not yet twisted.
- 3 Since.
- 4 Tent.
- 5 Drowsy bee.
- 6 Italian river.
- 7 Exhibit indignant displeasure.
- 8 You and I.
- 9 Sun god.
- 10 To make a type of lace.
- 11 Abbreviation for "oach."
- 12 Public notice.
- 13 The whole series of recognized musical notes.
- 14 Manifest.
- 15 To what family of trees does the "apple" tree belong?
- 16 Fox.
- 17 Niggardly person.
- 18 Seventh note in scale.
- 19 What tree belongs to the genus "Quercus"?
- 20 Point of compass.
- 21 What is the abbreviation for "Virginia"?
- 22 Growing in spirals.
- 23 Fourth note in scale.
- 24 What is the name of any tree belonging to the genus "Ulmus"?
- 25 What city in Florida is a centre for manufacturing cigars?
- 26 Cover.
- 27 Variety of ruby.
- 28 Shoots of grass.

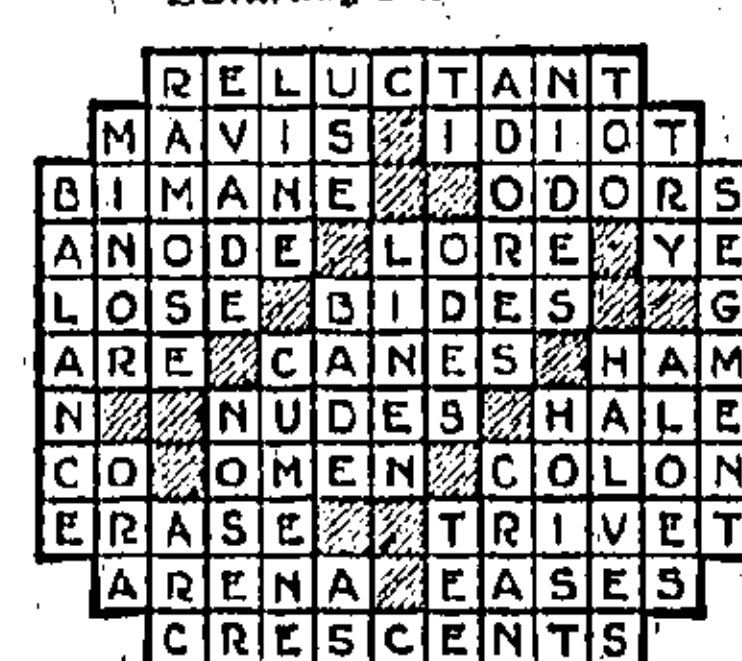
Vertical

- 1 What tree belongs to the genus "Acer"?
- 2 Self.
- 3 Negative.
- 4 Devoured.
- 5 For fear that.

6 Delivered.

- 7 To rent.
- 8 Paid publicity.
- 9 To promise.
- 10 To construct.
- 11 What fruit tree belongs to the family "Pyrus"?
- 12 Pertaining to tartaric acid.
- 13 Stamping.
- 14 A headed bolt.
- 15 To entertain.
- 16 To put on.
- 17 To attempt.
- 18 A herd of whales.
- 19 Habit.
- 20 Edges of roofs.
- 21 What type of tree is the "cedar"?
- 22 Avenues.
- 23 Berbal.
- 24 Calceolus.
- 25 Very high mountain.
- 26 Indian formerly living in Utah.
- 27 Short sleep.
- 28 What family of pinaceous trees form the genus "Abies"?
- 29 Third note in the scale.
- 30 Sixth note in the scale.

Saturday's Solution.



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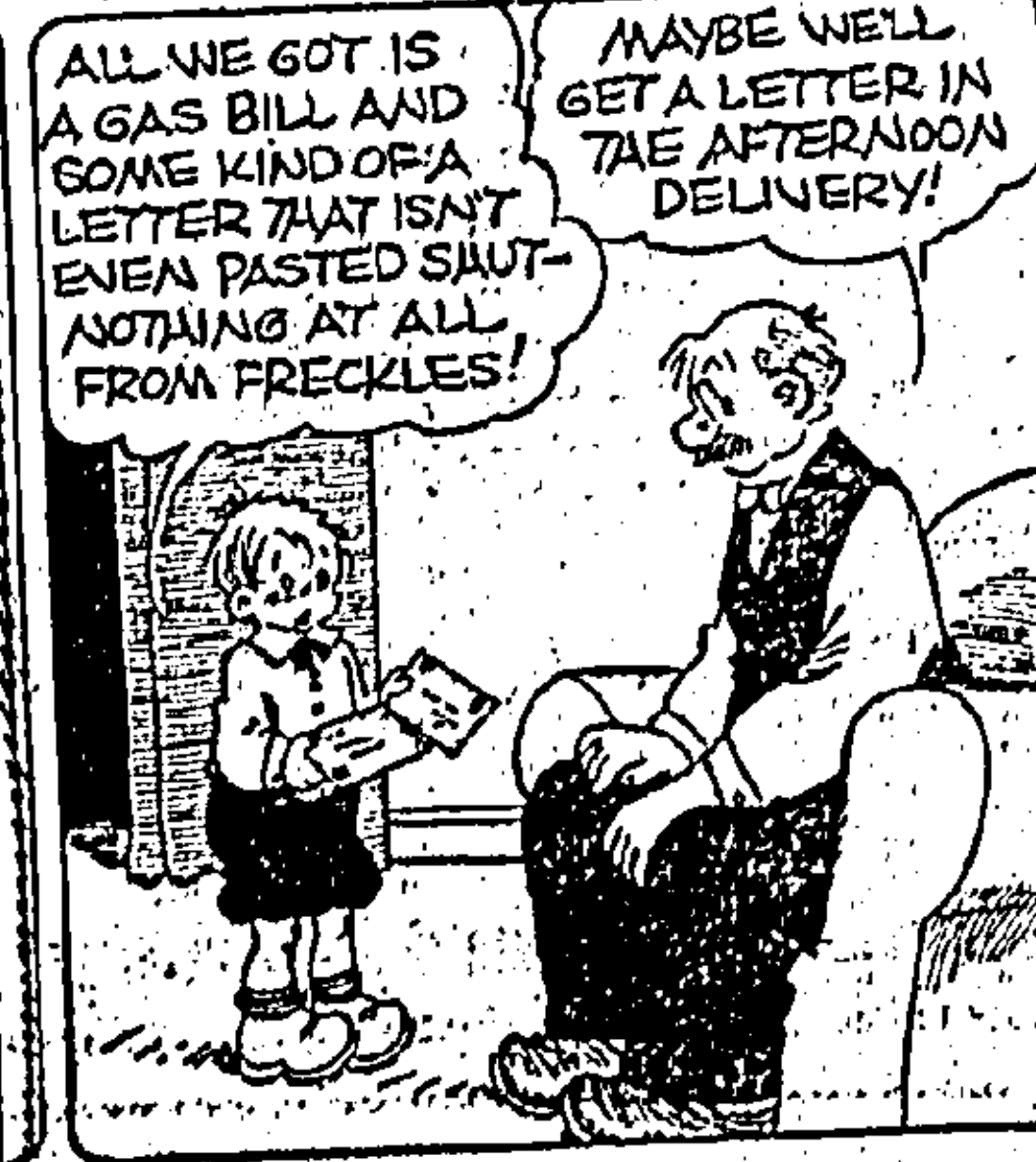
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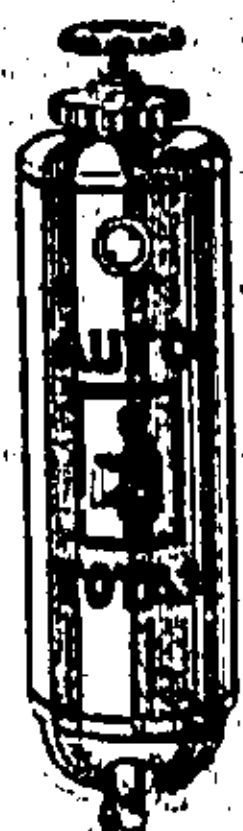
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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24, 1923.

THE OPTIONAL CLAUSE.

Following the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy by most of the nations of the world, the announcement that Spain has decided to subscribe to the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice is not without its interest. We believe we are right in stating that Spain is the twenty-eighth nation to adhere to this clause, although quite a number of the signatories are not yet fully bound to it, either by reason of certain reservations or from the fact that formal ratification has not taken place. Germany was the last country to sign, her ratification having been notified in March of this year, and she thus has the honour of being the first Great Power to accept the clause. France's signature was given as long ago as 1924, for a period of fifteen years, but this was subject to ratification, to power of denunciation if the Geneva Protocol should lapse, and to the provision that a dispute might first be referred to conciliation by the League of Nations Council. The Protocol has since lapsed, and ratification has yet to be made. Great Britain and the Dominions have not signed, holding the view that the step would be premature.

What, precisely, is this Optional Clause? It is an undertaking which Governments may sign, binding their peoples in advance to accept legal judgment in their legal international disputes. The legal judgment referred to is that of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and the kind of dispute is defined in the Statute of the Court as legal disputes concerning the interpretation of a treaty; any question of international law; the existence of any fact which, if established, would constitute a breach of any international obligation; and the extent and nature of the reparation to be made for any such breach. Let us see how the necessity for the Clause arose. By Article XIII of the League Covenant members of the League of Nations have agreed that "whenever any dispute shall arise between them which they recognise to be suitable for submission to arbitration or judicial settlement and which cannot be satisfactorily settled by diplomacy," they will submit the dispute and accept the decision given. They have also

declared that disputes of the kind mentioned above are "among those which are generally suitable" for such submission. If the word "generally" were not in the Covenant, there would be no need for the Optional Clause, for the effect of the word is to leave League members free not to recognise one of their legal disputes as "suitable" for decision, but to choose instead to submit it to conciliation of the League Council.

The point to be borne in mind is that it makes a vitally important difference which of the two methods for the settlement of disputes is chosen. If the way of arbitration or judicial decision is accepted, then the decision of the arbitrators or the judges has to be accepted and carried out in good faith. In fact, by deciding to have recourse to such procedure, the disputants renounce their right to settle their difference by war. On the other hand, if they choose the way of conciliation, then that right of war is retained, and the disputants are still free to use the threat of violence as an instrument in their negotiations.

For, if the League Council deals with the dispute and fails to reach a decision unanimously accepted by all its fourteen members (excluding the parties to the dispute), then the disputants are free, after three months' delay, to go to war. The League would naturally do all it could to prevent hostilities, but, so far as the Covenant is concerned, it would be perfectly legitimate for the quarrellers to resort to war to gain their ends. That is what has been described as the famous "Gap in the Covenant," and the object of the Optional Clause is to close that gap. The Clause, it is interesting to note, can be signed subject to the other party to a dispute accepting corresponding obligations, a condition which practically all signatories have laid down, and also subject to any reservations that are not incompatible with it, such as reserving the right to withhold from the Court's jurisdiction this or that kind of legal dispute.

America and the Compromise.

The spirit of distrust and suspicion cultivated in the United States in regard to the so-called Anglo-French naval compromise, really an accord on naval disarmament, is a curious anti-climax to the signature of the Kellogg Pact. Lord Cusheendun's assurances at Geneva, his categorical denials of the speculation as to secret clauses, plain-spoken communiques by the Quil D'Orsay to the same effect, are as sought when a "smart" New York journalist is bent on a sensation. The agreement evidently is still capable of creating a stir in America. No matter how old the actual information, it apparently requires only to be presented in a new form to provoke fresh speculation. The British Government has now admitted the substantial accuracy of the details as contained in the document published in the New York American, and perhaps this will have the effect of laying the bogey by the heels. It is, of course, easy to argue that all the wild rumours circulated could have been avoided by disclosure of the terms of the agreement some weeks ago. The "hush hush" policy adopted has obliged special correspondents to take steps to find out for themselves. If they have gone off at a tangent, it is fairly safe to assume that propagandists have been at work. Britain and France, however, have been awaiting a reply from Washington, stating the American point of view. Japan and Italy have already answered favourably, announcing that they have been impressed by the proposals as a basis for discussion. This, after all, is all they were intended to be. Although the full facts have been in the hands of the American Government for two months, no reply has been vouchsafed. The reason for the delay does not present itself in a tangible form, and it is equally logical, therefore, to apportion some of the blame to the American Government for the bad atmosphere created by absence of an official statement. We are prepared to admit that the British talk of "usual procedure" is not an excuse for the mystery in which the compromise has been wrapped. At the same time, it is obvious that the full facts would have been given sooner if the

DAY BY DAY.

THERE NEVER WAS A GOOD WAR OR A BAD PEACE.—Benjamin Franklin.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony over the week-end.

The P. and O. s.s. Khiva, from Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The E. and A. Company's s.s. St. Albans, from Moji, is due here on the 26th instant.

Mr. J. E. Barn, of Saswot, David and Co., Bombay, drove Fairway, the winner, in the Calcutta Turf Club sweep on the St. Legar.

For carrying ten chickens in a basket too small for the purpose, a Chinese was fined \$7 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning. Another defendant who was alleged to have carried fowls by their wings was fined \$5.

Sir Percy and Lady Newson, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Muir Newson, arrived here by the Empress of Canada to-day. Miss Newson is to be the bride of the Master of Napier, the wedding taking place on Friday at St. John's Cathedral.

The revised charges for Government hospitals show that private practitioners may be engaged in respect of the maternity wards of the Victoria Hospital, where an additional charge of \$2 per day is made for first-class patients. In all hospitals, special nurses may be engaged at an extra \$7 per day.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Canada to-day were Mrs. J. M. McHutchon and Miss M. E. McHutchon, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ratley, Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Comdr. H. Rogers, Mr. C. L. Sandes, the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. T. Oliphant, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, and Miss Dunbar.

A Chinese youth, who was arrested on Saturday for stealing a quantity of type from the South China Morning Post, was sentenced to receive twelve strokes when he was brought before Major C. Willson this morning. The type was sold to a marine dealer, who was also charged. The latter's case was remanded, Mr. Horace Lo appearing for the defence.

Amongst a number of star artists who were to appear at the Hollywood Bowl Association's "California Night of Music" on September 4th were Master Charles Danenberg, of Hongkong, who was to play Chaminade's "Concertstück" with orchestral accompaniment, and his father, Professor Emil Danenberg, who was to contribute a pianoforte solo.

Members of the Ex-Active Men's Association gave a complimentary dinner on Saturday night to Lieut.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., the President of the organisation, in view of his impending departure from the Colony. Colonel Hayley Bell, who is Commissioner of Customs for the Kowloon District, goes on leave on Saturday next and will in all probability not return to the Colony.

Six dollars in money and a blanket represented all the booty which three Chinese robbers obtained when they raided a house in Aberdeen, occupied by an old woman and two of her sons, who were farmers. The robbers huddled the occupants of the house into a cubicle, but the woman managed to escape to raise an alarm. The robbers, on realising what had happened, made a hasty departure.

other naval Powers had hurried their replies. Meanwhile, the New York American forecasts that President Coolidge will shortly address a Note to the British and French Governments strongly disapproving of the proposals and mentioning that the United States will continue its building programme of twenty-three 10,000-ton cruisers. Thus do we observe the shadow of the presidential election. Who is responsible for the bluff we cannot say precisely. We should be extremely surprised to find President Coolidge sending a Note in anything like those terms. A new election issue would obviously be created at once, and the nation-wide protests against the "Big Navy" movement earlier this year is sufficient indication of the trend of opinion. One can imagine the rejoicing in the Smith camp. America may not approve. It is probable that she does not. If this is the case, her observations are long overdue. It is certain, nevertheless, that the reply will be more carefully worded than the American would suggest.

LIFE SAVING CLASSES.

MORE S.C.A.A. SUCCESSES.

An examination for the Proficiency Certificate and Bronze Medal of the Royal Life Saving Society was held at the Y.M.C.A. Swimming Bath, on Saturday afternoon. Twenty-nine candidates were presented for examination, of whom twenty-four completed the tests to the satisfaction of the Examiner, Mr. F. K. Ewart of King's College.

The classes were as follows: Mr. Wong Ping-fan's Class: Ching Pak-yuen, Sui Cheung-fook, Ho Ping-ki, Cheung Shiu-kwai, Ho Leung-chi, Young Kam-cho, Wong Ki-leung, Chan Ki-chung, Kwok Muik-hoi, and Ip Kwai-hung.

About Hong Kong.

Do you know that—

A Commander-in-Chief of the Naval forces here was presented with plate valued at 2,000 guineas when he left?

This was Rear-Admiral Sir Michael Seymour, K.C.B., (after whom Seymour Road was named) who was on the Station from 1857 to 1859.

Formerly he had been second in Command of the Baltic Fleet, and had lost an eye through the explosion of a Russian bomb.

There were four others in this class who did not qualify.

Mr. Ho Pak-ping's Class: Chan King-shan, Chan Sau-ping, Ip Wah-sun, Hui Ping-foo, Cheung Yue-choi, Wong Man-lu, Cheuk Yuk-chuen, Fung Kim-wah, Wong Chi-hoi, Young Shou-te, Young Hang-wa, Tsang Chi-mun, Wong Keung, Young Fai-wa, and one candidate who failed.

The classes were well up to the standard of previous classes from the South China Athletic Association, who now hold the record for the number of successful candidates for the Society's awards. Both Mr. Wong Ping-fan and Mr. Ho Pak-ping have been recommended for the Honorary Instructor's Certificate.

MOON-CAKE THEFT.

CHINESE YOUTH CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Before Major C. Willson, this morning, a Chinese youth was charged with the theft of five moon-cakes, which are used to celebrate the mid-autumn festival, which falls due on Friday.

A district watchman described to the Court how he observed the youth extracting the cakes one by one through the partly-closed door of a tenhouse. After the defendant had got five, he walked away, but the watchman promptly set on him and took him to the nearest Police Station.

In Court, the defendant claimed that the cakes were given him by a kind-hearted relative who wanted him to have plenty to eat during the festival. Asked if the relative could be produced, the defendant said he could not trace him.

Sentence of fourteen days' hard labour was imposed.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Paris	124.15
Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Berlin	20.35
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.44 1/2
Helsingfor	102 1/2
Lisbon	107 1/2
Bucharest	70 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.5/16
Shanghai	2/7
Yokohama	1/10 1/16
New York	4.85
Geneva	25.20
Milan	32.75
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	18.19
Prague	103 1/2
Madrid	29.33
Athens	374 1/2
Bombay	5.20/32
Hongkong	1/5 1/16
Silver (spot)	28.7/10
Silver (forward)	20 1/2

—British Wireless.

Banished in June this year to a term of five years, a Chinese woman, who was found in the Colony by the authorities, was brought before Major C. Willson this morning, and charged with returning from banishment. Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed. The woman's record showed that she has had two previous convictions for keeping a sly brothel.

The hearing of the case against the No. 1 Boatwain of the s.s. Dorry who is held by the Police on a charge of assault, has been fixed by Mr. W. Schofield for Saturday morning next. Mr. Leo d'Almada defending.

The Very Idea!

A surprise awaited a bridal couple at Coleford, Gloucestershire, recently. Arriving at St. John's Church to get married, they found the doors locked and were unable to gain admittance. The wedding, which had been quietly arranged, was to have taken place at 8 p.m. After waiting long and anxiously, the bride's uncle went in search of the vicar who was to have officiated. At the vicarage it was found that the vicar was in bed, and when informed a wedding party was waiting at the church he expressed surprise. He had completely forgotten the wedding. He immediately rushed up to the church, some distance away, and, after expressing his deep regret to the anxious couple who were patiently waiting in the bitter wind outside the church, unlocked the doors and the ceremony was performed after a delay of three-quarters of an hour.

Yet another sensation awaited the newly-married pair, for on going to the vestry it was found that the registrar was missing. They left the church without signing it, but afterwards the vicar arrived with the registrar at the wedding breakfast and obtained their signature.

Sub-inspector Coman: Is this wallet of notes yours?

Witness (after laboriously counting thirteen crisp notes): Yes, it is very much like it.

Did you give the money to the defendants?

Witness (shaking his head emphatically): No, I certainly did not.

Did you authorise the defendants to take the money?

Witness (with an amazed expression on his face): My God, certainly not.

A Brace of Trippers underneath a Bough,
Some Orange Peel, some Gasper Cards—and Thou
Broadcasting bullocks straight from 2LO
Make every glade a little Hell on wheels

Some for the Cottage Tea-Garden; and some
Sigh for the People's Palace to come;
All eat the Buns, and let the Papers fly
Nor heed the Woodpecker's derisive drum.

Look at the Summer Girl beyond us, Low
Laughter escapes her. Watch, and see her
The Orange Pips from her en-sanguined mouth
And all the debris of her picnic throw.

Think, from each rocking Chariot, banister,
The whole of Summer, shrieking Night and Day,
How Tripper after Tripper, with his girl,
Will litter every lane, and go his way.

I often think I never see so red
As when I walk where scattered stems have bled
To satisfy some Vandal's wanton greed,
And trampled lies each lovely Blossom's head.

But when at dusk, O Tripper, you shall pass,
Among the Peel and Paper on the grass,
Then may you trip indeed on battered tins
And cut yourself upon your broken glass!

While many thousands at various times have joined in the singing of "Mademoiselle from Armentieres," few actually are aware that such a person as Mademoiselle from Armentieres actually existed. An assurance that Mademoiselle was a French girl, who crossed to England early in the war and joined the British secret service was given recently by Col. G. H. G. Smith. Information to that effect, he said, had been received by him recently. After doing some work in England, Mademoiselle went to Belgium, where she worked in the British interests for two years before being discovered. She was then thrown into prison, where she died, but after the war her body was exhumed at Cologne, and escorted by four British officers, was buried with full military honours at Lille.

The commercial traveller away from home opened the telegram and read:—"Twins" arrived to night, more by mail."

**NORTH V. SOUTH
QUARREL.****FACTION FIGHT OVER THE
WATER RATIONS.****BIG PITCHED BATTLE.**

Trouble broke out on Saturday between the Cantonese and Northern Chinese tenants of 397, Queen's Road West, near the Restaurant Quarter. Originating in a dispute over the two-hour water ration, the quarrel assumed serious dimensions when it was carried into the street. For the space of ten minutes there was a pitched battle between the two factions.

When policemen arrived post-haste from the local district station, they found that a number of heads had been broken with bamboo poles, iron bars and bricks. The number of those waging this war had been greatly increased from the fact that others who had had nothing at all to do with the original quarrel had interested themselves in the matter and had freely joined in the fight.

Out of the hundred or so culprits, the police took into custody seven men, while three others were sent to hospital as serious casualties.

The story of the fight was told to Mr. R. E. Lindsell by Inspector J. Clark, in charge of West Point Station, when he charged the arrested men with disorderly conduct and committing a breach of the peace before the Court this morning.

It appears that a number of the fighters went to the Station after the affair and were conveniently near at hand to be arrested. The reason for this was given by Inspector Clark, who said to the Magistrate: "They were frightened of one another and they came up to the Police Station for protection."

The evidence showed that three of the Northern men were chasing a Cantonese, and one of them was heard to urge upon his fellows the expediency of using a brickbat on the head of the fugitive.

It was held by the Court that it was the son of this Cantonese who started the row.

To this accusation, the loyal offspring replied that if there were any blame, it must be attached to the Northerners.

The Court however, had a different view, and in assessing the magnitude of his offence, ordered him to pay a fine of \$10 and to sign a bond of \$100 to keep the peace for six months.

The six other offenders were merely bound over.

**GAMBLING IN EMPTY
HOUSE.****SEVEN RICKSHA COOLIES GET
OFF WITH CAUTION.**

Following complaints from Messrs. S. J. David and Co., the owners of No. 4, Jordan Road, which is at present unoccupied, Inspector Fallon made a raid on the premises on Saturday and discovered seven ricksha coolies gambling on the floor. They were arrested and brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of trespassing.

It was stated that complainants were not represented in Court as it had been impossible for the Police to communicate with them on account of the holidays.

Inspector Fallon produced a letter received from Messrs. David & Co., complaining about the theft of locks and bolts from No. 4, Jordan Road. It was not suggested, however, that the seven defendants were the people responsible. They were merely indulging in a game of cards when arrested. It was pointed out that it had rained during the afternoon, and that the premises were not in any way locked.

The prosecution were not pressing for any penalty beyond a caution. His Worship cautioned defendants.

PRIEST'S FINE RECORD.**SIXTY YEARS IN MALAYA.
WITHOUT LEAVE.**

Singapore, Sept. 14. The personal history of the Rev. Brother Emile, who died at Penang on Wednesday evening, must surely be unique in the history of Christian missionary endeavour in Malaya.

Brother Emile was in his eighty-sixth year, and next year he would have celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his arrival in this country. During that time he had never returned to Europe.

Born at Roches, France, in 1843, Brother Emile first arrived in Singapore in February, 1869, and was stationed at St. Joseph's Institution for some time, but the greater part of his service was spent in Penang. At the time of

**SWATOW SURTAX
PROTESTS.****CHINESE MERCHANTS
UP IN ARMS.****COLLECTORS NOT SATISFIED
WITH 2 1/2 PER CENT.****NATIVE TRADE HIT.**

Swatow, Sept. 21. The merchants here are up in arms against the so-called Inland Customs Bureau. Since its institution earlier in the year, it has been thoroughly unpopular.

The purpose of the Bureau is the collection of the 2 1/2 per cent. surtax on the normal Customs duties, but a modest 2 1/2 per cent. has not satisfied those to whom the collection has been farmed out, and a host of abuses has arisen, such as to drive local merchants to desperation.

The merchants have refused to export goods until the new schedule of export duties, announced as operative from the beginning of this month, is withdrawn. At the same time they are organising vigorous opposition against the Bureau.

Yesterday, the Directorate of the Municipal Kuomintang rallied to the merchants' aid by issuing an appeal for the abolition of the Bureau and the collection of the surtaxes by the regular Customs service.

Like a Boomerang.

The Kuomintang appeal begins naively enough by saying that the Bureau was instituted in the interests of Customs autonomy and in order to set the country free from the oppression of "foreign imperialism," so that by the collection of the surtax and the abolition of likin, the desired autonomy might be brought within reach.

For, however, from subserving these ends, the Bureau has become an instrument for the weakening of trade and the injury of the people. Instead of benefiting the people and retarding foreign trade, it has sprung back like a boomerang on native business.

The best solution, the Kuomintang holds, would be the abolition of the Bureau and the use of the regular Customs for the collection of the tax.

Additional "Squeeze."

Similarly, representatives of the Swatow Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai are appealing to Marshal Li Chai-sun, pointing out that Kwangtung is the only province which has set up a separate organization for the collection of the surtax, and enumerating the disadvantages of the present system. Chief of these is the intolerable delay in clearing goods, since they have to pass through the Bureau examination sheds after passing the Customs.

The Bureau refuses to accept the Customs valuation and, in making its own, adds a variety of "squeezes." Enquiry as to these only elicits the reply that they are to meet the lighting and water charges of the Bureau.

Philanthropic Bodies.

The Municipality, in accordance with rules drawn up by the Ministry of Interior, and communicated from Canton, has issued instructions to all philanthropic institutions requiring full details of their staff, property and funds, as well as a monthly statement of accounts.

The majority of such institutions are native benevolent societies whose chief function is the burial of victims of accidents and other calamities, and the provision for masses to be said for their souls, but mission hospitals are included among them.

It is customary for hospitals to print annual accounts and the sending in of monthly accounts will make heavy demands on the clerical side of their administration. The general idea of protecting the public against fraudulently-run societies is, however, excellent and very necessary.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Southern paid an unofficial visit to the S.S. San Nam Hoi this morning to inspect the various articles which had been presented to Captain Sparks and Chief Engineer Houghton as a recognition of their defence of the vessel on the occasion of the recent piracy. The A.D.C. to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government accompanied Mrs. Southern while others present were Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N. (Harbour Master), Captain T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C., and Mr. W. J. Stokes, representing the Marine Guilds.

his death he was the oldest European resident of the Northern Settlement and he was held in the greatest respect and affection by all communities, and not least by those who had received their early instruction from him at St. Xavier's Institution. His end was peaceful, and he leaves behind a memory of devotion and self-sacrifice which will be long-lived in the local annals of Penang.

**SINGAPORE MOTOR
FATALITY.****EUROPEAN KILLED WHILST
MOTOR-CYCLING.****MISTOOK A TURN?**

Singapore, Sept. 17. The death occurred under tragic circumstances on Saturday night of Mr. Cyril M. Tytler, an employee of the Singapore Cold Storage Company, who was fatally injured in a motor-cycling accident in Alexandra Road.

Mr. Tytler, after dining with some friends in town, was returning to the company's mess at Pasir Panjang on his motor cycle, travelling behind the car in which his friends were going home. On their arrival his friends missed Mr. Tytler, and after a short wait Mr. H. C. R. Walters set out to see what had befallen him.

On Alexandra Road, near the entrance to the barracks, he noticed a motor-cycle lying in the deep ditch alongside the road. This was Mr. Tytler's machine, and the unfortunate rider, suffering from severe injuries internally and to his head, Mr. Walters speedily extricated him, obtained assistance, and conveyed Mr. Tytler to the hospital, but the injuries were of such a serious nature that Mr. Tytler succumbed before morning.

The cause of the accident is unknown, but it is thought, that owing to the rider being unaccustomed to the road, together with the misty, black night, he mistook a turn just before the entrance to Alexandra Barracks, and instead of keeping to the road, he passed on the wrong side of a tree at the bend and crashed headlong on to a broken down bullock cart bridge and then over into the ditch.

The death of Mr. Tytler at the age of about 40 years has come as a great shock to his many friends in the Cold Storage Company and in Singapore, and deep sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Tytler, who was about to come out from home to rejoin her husband. He had been only six months in Malaya.

CECILIA HANSEN.**FAREWELL CONCERT HERE
TO-NIGHT.**

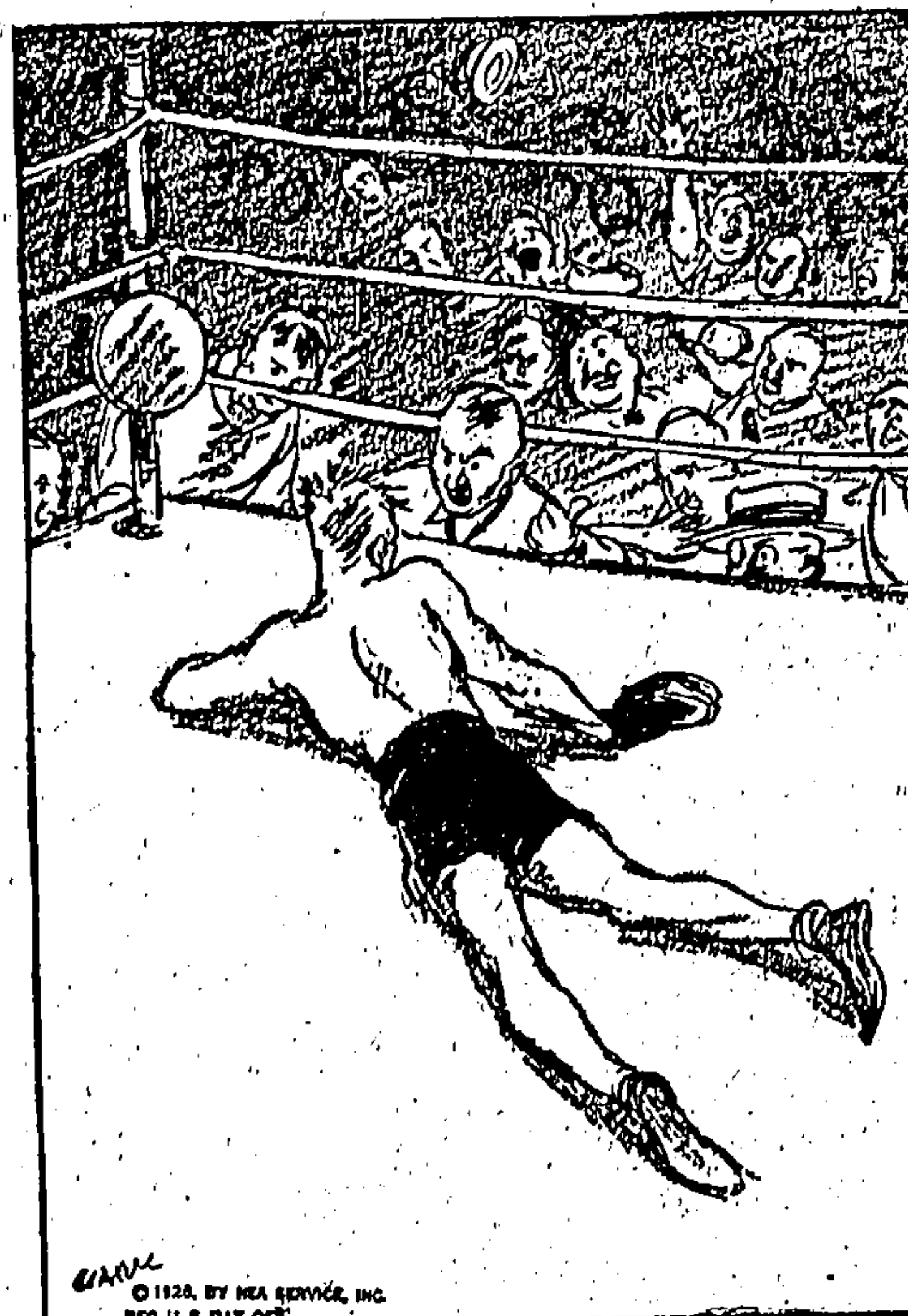
Hongkong will have its absolutely last opportunity of hearing Miss Cecilia Hansen, the world-famous lady violinist, at the Theatre Royal to-night, when she gives her final concert.

Miss Hansen has just returned from Manila, where she met with wonderful success, having had to give no fewer than six recitals to satisfy the public demand.

There are some especially attractive numbers in to-night's programme, which music-lovers should on no account miss.

NO TYPHOON.

To-day's Observatory report states:—Pressure is highest over South Manchuria. There are now no indications of a typhoon in the China Sea. A trough of low pressure extends from Annam to Loucheos. The forecast till noon tomorrow is:—N.E. wind, fresh; fair.



"Don't let him bluff you with that punch—I been watching an' he ain't got a thing on it."

**BANDITS' ATTEMPT
ON EXPRESS.****OUTRAGE ON PEKING-
HANKOW LINE.****THE LINES TORN UP & TRACK
BLOCKED.****DARING BANDIT GANG.**

A deliberate attempt—the third in two weeks—to wreck the express train from Peking to Hankow was made last Sunday by a gang of bandits operating in the vicinity of Chumutien, according to reports received in Hankow.

A large section of the line was torn up and telegraph poles, which had been chopped down by the bandits, were laid across the line at various intervals. Fortunately, the driver observed the danger in sufficient time to stop the train, which was delayed 14 hours before the damage could be repaired.

This attempt, indicates the serious bandit situation existing along the Kin-Han railway. Conditions are reported to be worse than for many years.

Military Helpless.

The military authorities seem unable to cope with the situation, despite the dispatch of several strong bodies of troops to districts where outrages have occurred. Great difficulty is experienced in coming up with the bands of roving, free-booters who move from district to district with surprising speed.

Passengers travelling on the express tell a story of excitement. The trip took over 27 hours and the train only managed to come through, after waiting 14 hours at Chumutien, by being escorted, after the railway was repaired, by an armoured train. It was known that bandits were about, but it was not realized that the situation along the line was as critical as it is to-day.

Fired Too Soon.

Fortunately, the bandits gave themselves away by firing too soon, whereupon the passengers made themselves as small as they could under the dining car tables and seats.

On the first shots being fired the guard came into action, while the driver had the presence of mind to drive as fast as he could back to Chumutien. Here, the express stopped till a detachment was sent forward to carry out the needed repairs and clear off the would-be wreckers.

Possibly Former Soldiers.

The troops reported that they found a huge band crossing the railway and it was thought, besides trying to wreck the express, another reason for pulling up the rails was to prevent pursuit by the military.

Opinion is evenly divided as to the band being old troops formerly under Yoh Wei-chin, or robber soldiers belonging to Fan Loo-eh, a bandit chief. The reason why these are allowed to roam the province without military action being taken appears to be the fear which

(Continued on Next Column.)

**DOLLAR CO. WANTS
RADIO PERMIT.****PROPOSED NEW STATION IN
PHILIPPINES.****REQUEST TO SENATE.**

Manila, Sept. 19.

The Robert Dollar Steamship Company through its local agent, filed with the Senate yesterday afternoon an application in the form of a bill for a 50-year franchise to install and operate a trans-Pacific radio station in the Philippines.

The application of the Robert Dollar Company is the second of its kind filed with the legislature this year, the other being that of Mackay Radio and Telegraph Company of New York which also seeks a similar privilege. The latter firm however recently modified its application so as to enable it to enter in the local radio business by seeking the right to install radio stations between points in the Islands for the transmission and receiving of wireless messages.

Far East Service.

Like the original application of the Mackay Radio company, the Robert Dollar firm seeks only the right to install a wireless long distance station sufficiently powerful to receive and transmit messages across the Pacific to the United States and neighbouring countries in the Far East such as Siam, Straits Settlements, China, Japan and Hawaii and to vessels within and without the territorial waters of the Islands. Intermediate stations will be constructed at these points, according to plans, so as to avoid interruption of messages serving at the same time as intermediate stations.

The franchise sought would empower the Governor General to permit the location of the station desired by the Company on the public domain upon such terms as the chief executive may prescribe. The bill further provides that the wireless station must be constructed within two years from the approval of the application and that it be completed within four years after such approval.

While the Robert Dollar application is limited to the authority engaging only in long distance wireless communication between the Islands and points outside of the country, it reserves the right to later apply for permission to engage in the domestic trade if it so desires and upon the approval of a special grant from the legislature.

Committee Receives Bill.

The bill was immediately referred to the committee on corporations and franchises of the senate yesterday which is now considering the application of the Mackay Radio company. The latter firm's application has recently been favourably endorsed to the senate by the public service commission. It is now in the hands of the secretary of commerce and communications for further study and comment.

Senator Sergio Osmena, president pro tempore, refuses to say what action the senate will take on the applications of the Mackay Radio and the Robert Dollar companies but indicated that they will receive the utmost consideration from the legislature. Previously he had indicated that establishment of more radio stations whether for local or outside business is welcomed because it will encourage competition and competition, according to him, would mean greater efficiency.

Bandits Number 4,000.

The band responsible for the latest attempt to derail the Peking express is said to number over 4,000, the great majority of whom are ex-soldiers. A skirmishing party cut the rails and placed the telegraph poles on the line during the night of Saturday with the object of wrecking the train and afterwards robbing its passengers. The express arrived at Chumutien at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning and left some little time later. Some distance outside of the Chumutien and near Minkiang, it was found that the rails had been torn up and the train had to put back to Chumutien.

The soldiers of General Liu Chih were put to work to restore the track, and later set off in pursuit of the bandits.

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THE SUI TAI FIRE.

SUMMONS IN CONNEXION WITH WINE SHIPMENT FAILS.

The summons against the Hang Lam Chong wines and spirits shop, No. 2, Kowloon Street, for furnishing allegedly false particulars in an application for a removal permit in respect of 160 jars of wine which were on board the Sui Tai before the fire, was dismissed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on Saturday morning at the Central Police Court on a technical point.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defendant.

His Worship found that the export form on which those particulars were required to be furnished in respect of the removal of the wines from one ship to another was not required by the provisions of the Ordinance under which the case was brought. It did not in fact come within the scope of the section cited. The summons therefore had failed, and it was dismissed.

The case occurred as a sequel to the fire on the Sui Tai. Revenue Officers, who went on board after the fire, discovered several jars of spirits of wine and they believed them to be part of a consignment referred to in an application for a removal permit as "Chinese wine." The consignment imported from Macao was to have been transferred to the s.s. Namsang, bound for Singapore.

At the last hearing, Mr. Lo for the defence, objected to a removal permit, which applied only to movements of cargo between a bonded warehouse and a ship, being altered to read from one ship to another. The technical point he raised in this connection, that the Ordinance had not provided for such a contingency as the removal of merchandise from one ship to another, and that the Imports and Exports Department were without any legal authority when they acted in the present matter, was sustained by the Bench.

HOUSE COLLAPSE.

IN KOWLOON CITY.

Believed to have been caused by rain in the early morning a house No. 9, Iron Street, Kowloon City, collapsed on Saturday, creating great excitement in that district. The house was occupied as a medicine shop, in which there was only one inmate, an old man of 67, when the house gave way at 4 o'clock in the morning.

In response to an alarm the police and fire brigade soon arrived and the old man was rescued from the debris. His injuries are said to be very slight, consisting of abrasions.

CLAIM ON NANKING.

AMERICA WILL PROBABLY GET A MILLION DOLLARS.

Nanking, Sept. 22. In connexion with American claims for compensation for the Nanking outrages, which total \$1,200,000, it is understood that the Nationalist Government will probably agree to pay approximately \$1,000,000.

The British claims in Nanking approximate \$1,000,000.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE.

HEAVY FINES UPON INTIMIDATORY UNION.

Canberra, Sept. 22. The House of Representatives has passed the Transport Workers' Bill which provides for the registration of what labourers and is the outcome of the strike.

The Senate has passed the Transport Workers' Bill.

There are signs that the strike is collapsing, and it is expected that an important Inter-State Conference of Transport and Maritime Unions will take place on Monday.

The Waterside Workers' Federation has been fined the maximum \$1,000 for inciting the crew of the inter-state vessel, Kanoola, to strike, and two unionists were sentenced to a week and a fortnight's imprisonment, respectively, for interfering with the volunteer workers. There were two further arrests to-day in collisions between strikers and police who drew their batons.

The volunteers are very efficiently working four of the overseas vessels in port here.

It is understood that the funds of the Waterside Workers' Federation

TYPHOON SCARE.

MISSING STEAMER ARRIVES SAFELY AT FOCHOW.

Shanghai, Sept. 22. Anxiety felt here over the fate of the Ningshao S.S. Co.'s steamer Yungshin has now been set at rest. She left Shanghai on Sept. 10, two days before the typhoon struck Shanghai, bound for Fochow.

She had not been heard of until today, when it became known that she had reached Fochow safely.

The Yungshin has a Chinese captain and crew. Although she is fitted with wireless she is not carrying a wireless operator.—Reuter.

are at the lowest.

Unpopular Ballot.

Adelaide, Sept. 22. A section of the delegates, opposed to the secret ballot on the question of the resumption of work, upset the ballot-box and tore up the ballot papers. The ballot was declared off.—Reuter.

The strike arose out of objections to the operation of what is called the pick-up system of employment. In the face of strong official and public condemnation it was called off but in some parts the strikers refused to concede from their position.

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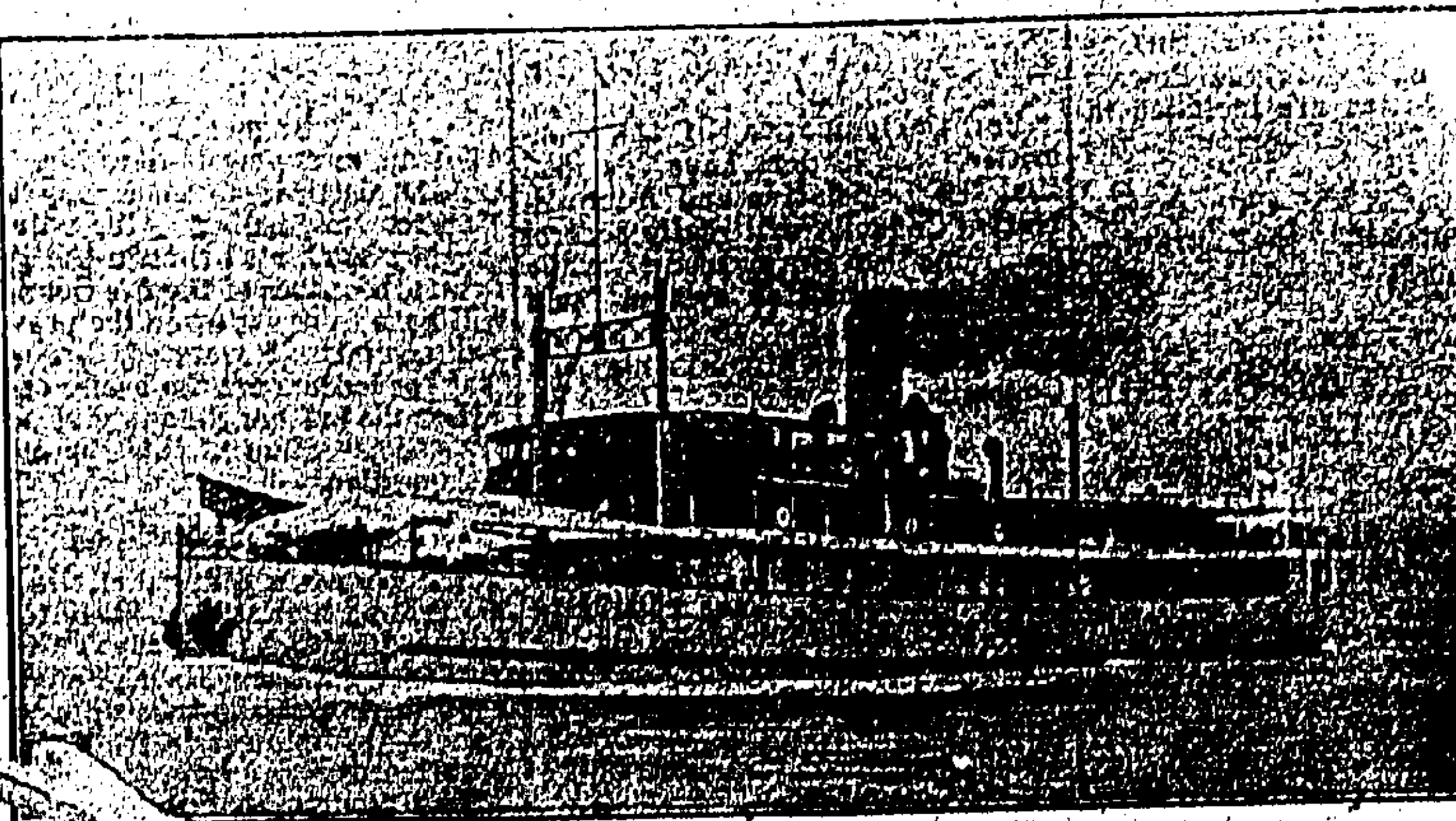
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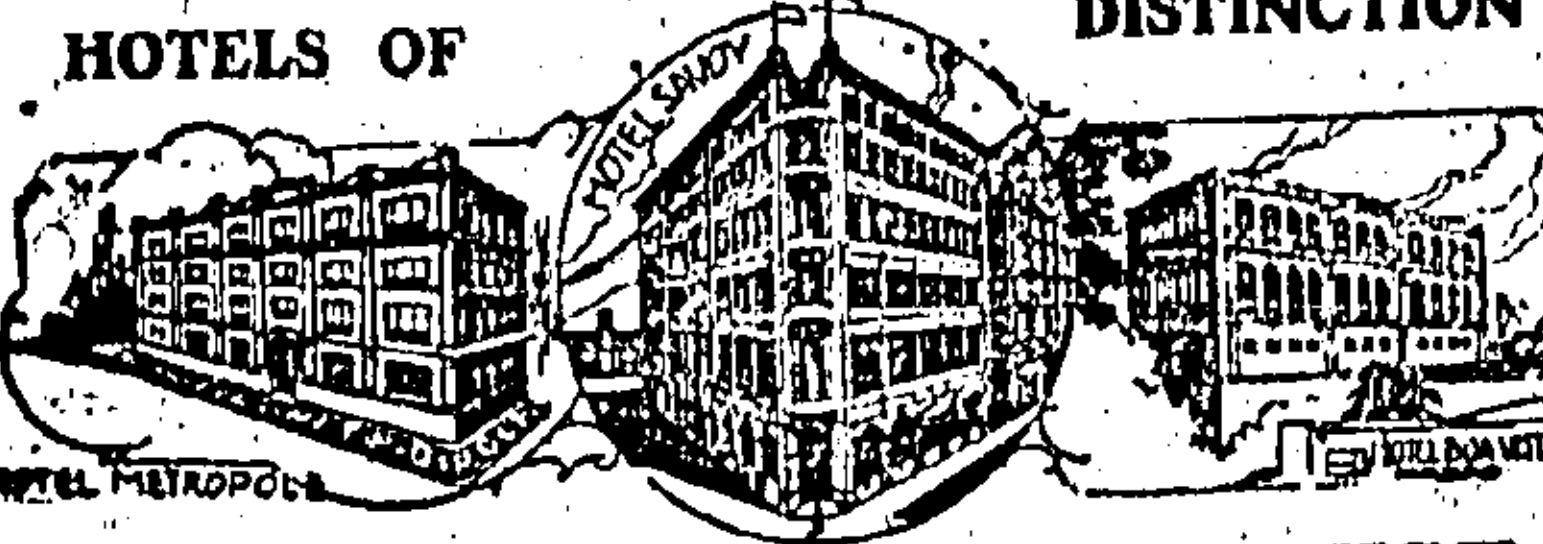
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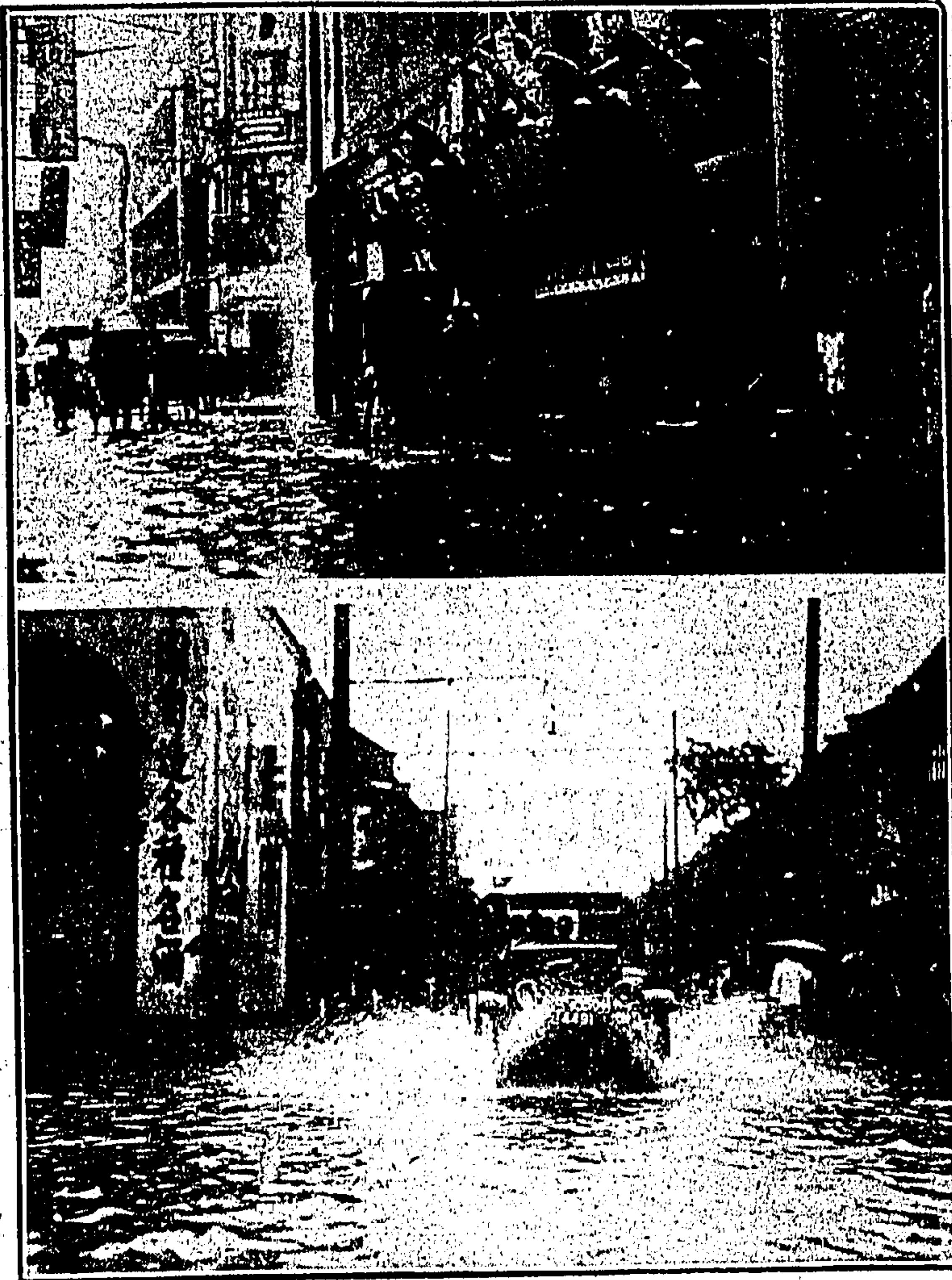
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SHANGHAI FLOOD DISASTER PICTURES.



Torrential rains as cabled last week, flooded many parts of the Shanghai International Settlement French Concession last week-end. Two photos above give some idea of what street traffic suffered. Top view is of Chekiang Road and shows the entrance to a Chinese theatre. Lower view is on Rue Ratard, but it might be almost anywhere else since it is representative of the amount of water found on many streets.

LEAGUE PLANS NEW BUILDINGS.

STRONG NORWEGIAN PROTEST OVERRULED.

ARCHITECTS ANNOYED

Geneva, Sept. 23.
The Budget Committee of the League of Nations has approved the report of a special committee of five, of which Mr. Adachi, the Japanese delegate, was the chairman, in regard to the question of the new League buildings, which are now to be erected in Ariana Park on the outskirts of the city. The Committee overruled the objections of the Norwegian delegate, Mr. Hambro, who urged that the expense was not justified in present circumstances, and protested against the procedure in the selection of the plans for the new buildings. He requested the Committee to publish the protests of the architects, whose plans the jury had discarded.

The Fifth Committee has approved by 14 votes to 2, the report of Dame Edith Lytton in regard to the inquiry into opium-smoking in the Far East. Italy and China voted as the minority, while there were six abstentions.

The League Budget Committee has sanctioned the grant of 100,000 Swiss francs towards the expenses of the proposed inquiry into opium-smoking in the Far East.

As the expenses will probably exceed 200,000 francs, Britain has offered 50,000, asking the Powers whose territories are included in the inquiry to contribute the balance.

The Japanese and Chinese delegates opposed the grant.—*Reuter.*

ARMS SEIZURE ON THE "ON LEE."

ARRESTED MAN SAID TO HAVE BEEN SHOT.

A large consignment of arms and ammunition was seized from a passenger on board the a.s. On Lee from Hongkong by the Customs authorities at Pak-kai on Saturday evening.

The arms consisted mainly of automatics of modern make, while the ammunition seized was approximately 35,000 rounds for use with the weapons.

It is stated that the arrested man was taken into custody by the Chinese authorities and after an investigation was shot yesterday.

CHINA PRESIDENT NOW MOOTED.

LEADERS NOT QUITE DECIDED.

CABINET GOVERNMENT FINDS MOST FAVOUR.

NEW COUNCILS' POWER

Nanking, Sept. 23.
While the announcement that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has sprung a last-minute surprise by declining to accept the appointment as Director of the Administrative Council, is authoritative, it is generally felt in political circles that this has no vital significance as Gen. Tan Yen-kai, who is now named, is an ardent Chiang devotee.

In any case, it is learned, the question of the appointment of the Chiefs to the five new Councils, has, by consent of the leaders, been postponed for the time being, pending the report of the committee which has been appointed to draw up a draft scheme, to govern the powers and functions of the different Councils.

Until this is done, and the scheme has been approved, little headway is expected.

The Committee.

The committee appointed to the task is composed of Mr. Wu Han-min, Mr. Tai Chi-tao and Dr. Wang Chung-hui.

For the guidance of the committee, the leaders have decided that the Legislative and Administrative Councils will really control the reins of Government, while the old committee system will serve in the case of the Supervisory, Judicial and Examination Councils.

Scheme Completed.

Later.
It is now reported that Messrs. Wu Han-min, Tai Chi-tao and Wang Chung-hui have completed their task, and that copies of the proposed constitution of the five Councils have been circulated among the members of the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Committee.

The plans will be formally submitted to the Standing Committee to-morrow for approval or amendment.

According to information available, the plans recommend the division of the Administrative Council into several departments, the chiefs of which will be appointed later. The departmental heads will not be allowed to act concur-

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROSPECTS OF EARLY START OF NEGOTIATIONS.

Shanghai, Sept. 24.
According to officials of the Foreign Ministry in Nanking, there are hopes that negotiations will shortly be opened between China and Japan for the settlement of all outstanding questions. It is stated that the Nationalist Government is prepared to start negotiations at any time now.

Mr. Yada, the Japanese Consul-General, left here yesterday by the Dairen Maru for Tsingtao, where, it is understood, he will consult with Japanese officials before commencing negotiations with China.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

recently as Chairman of the whole Council.

Legislative Power.

The Legislative Council takes the power and form, more or less, of the former Parliament, though all decisions reached will require the sanction of the Administrative Council, which is really an Executive Council.

The Administrative Council may reject any Bill passed by the Legislative Council, provided the power of rejection is used within a period of one month.

President Favoured.

It is stated, however, that there is some disagreement regarding the head of the Government. Some of the leaders are in favour of the election of a President of the Republic of China. Others do not favour this but suggest that a Cabinet will meet all requirements.

In an interview to-day, Mr. Tai Chi-tao declined to make any disclosures regarding the draft scheme, but hinted that in the near future, branches of the five Councils will have to be set up in the provincial capitals. He stated, however, that the leaders are too busily engaged at the present time to give serious consideration to this aspect of the question.

Fengtien Collaboration.

It is stated in political circles to-day that an invitation is likely to be extended to General Yang Yu-ting or General Chang Hsueh-liang to come to Nanking to take up a permanent appointment in the Central Government.

It is thought that the invitation is necessary in view of the agreement between Nanking and Mukden, by which the Nationalist flag will be hoisted in the Three Eastern Provinces very shortly.

The Fengtien envoy, Mr. Yang Yuch-hsin, who recently visited Hongkong and Canton, is now in Nanking and has had several conversations with the Moderate leaders.

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